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C 000	<p>Initial Comments</p> <p>Report of Biennial Construction Survey by Dennis Harrell and Bob Getchell on 2-2-2016.</p> <p>Records indicate this facility was first licensed or submitted for licensure on 2-13-1997, for 76 residents. Based on this information we are requiring the facility to meet the 1996 "Homes for the Aged and Disabled - Minimum Standards and Regulations", applicable portions of the 2005 Rules for Adult Care Homes for Seven or More Beds, and the 1996 Edition of the North Carolina State Building Code; Section 409.1 Group I, Unrestrained Occupancy.</p>	C 000		
C 133	<p>Bathrooms-Hand Grips</p> <p>SECTION .0300 - PHYSICAL PLANT 10A NCAC 13F .0305 PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT (e) The requirements for bathrooms and toilet rooms are: (6) Hand grips shall be installed at all commodes, tubs and showers used by or accessible to residents;</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, the hand grips provided at the shower and the toilet in the spa on the 300 Hall were loosely mounted to the wall. Loose handgrips could cause a resident to fall.</p>	C 133		
C 185	<p>Fire Safety-Rehearsals on Each Shift</p> <p>SECTION .0300 - PHYSICAL PLANT 10A NCAC 13F .0309 PLAN FOR EVACUATION (b) There shall be rehearsals of the fire plan quarterly on each shift in accordance with the</p>	C 185		

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C 185	<p>Continued From page 1</p> <p>requirement of the local Fire Prevention Code Enforcement Official.</p> <p>(c) Records of rehearsals shall be maintained and copies furnished to the county department of social services annually. The records shall include the date and time of the rehearsals, the shift, staff members present, and a short description of what the rehearsal involved.</p> <p>(f) This Rule shall apply to new and existing facilities.</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on review of documents, fire drill rehearsals are not being done regularly with at least one per shift each quarter. Failure to rehearse the fire plan could lead to confusion and delay in an actual emergency. Finding includes: Fire drills were not done on all shifts in all quarters.</p>	C 185		
C 189	<p>Building Equipment Maintained Safe, Operating</p> <p>SECTION .0300 - PHYSICAL PLANT 10A NCAC 13F .0311 OTHER REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>(a) The building and all fire safety, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing equipment in an adult care home shall be maintained in a safe and operating condition.</p> <p>(k) This Rule shall apply to new and existing facilities with the exception of Paragraph (e) which shall not apply to existing facilities.</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: 1. Based on observation, the facility was not maintained in a safe condition because of an incomplete and damaged fire alarm system.</p>	C 189		

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C 189	<p>Continued From page 2</p> <p>Based on interview, lightning struck the building on 12-24-2015 and severely damaged the fire alarm system. Most of the smoke detectors throughout the building had been removed and the wiring "jumped" to restore continuity of the wiring. A fire watch was underway but was not being done according to the NC Fire Prevention Code in that the fire watch person was the SIC who had other duties along with the fire watch. The fire watch personnel can have no other duties that may distract them from the fire watch. A Plan of Protection was instituted in which the facility agreed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Immediately begin to conduct the fire watch properly and to continue until the fire alarm system is repaired.</li> <li>b. Have the fire alarm system repaired/replaced and working properly no later than 2-12-2016.</li> </ol> <p>2. Based on observation, the facility was not maintained in a safe condition because of Delayed egress doors not working properly. Delayed egress doors are required to unlock upon activation of the fire alarm system. When the fire alarm system was activated, the egress doors did not unlock. Additionally, Delayed egress doors are required to sound a signal and open 15 seconds after attempting to open the door. The Delayed egress door near room 109 would sound a signal but would not open as required. A Plan of Protection was instituted in which the facility agreed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Immediately begin to conduct 2 fire watches with 2 people and to continue until the Delayed egress door system is repaired.</li> <li>b. Train all staff on using the override keypads adjacent to the Delayed egress doors during an emergency.</li> <li>c. Have the Delayed egress door system</li> </ol>	C 189		

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C 189	<p>Continued From page 3</p> <p>repaired and working properly no later than 2-12-2016.</p> <p>3. Based on observation, the facility was not maintained in a safe condition because of smoke barrier doors not working properly. Smoke barrier doors must close upon activation of the fire alarm system. When the fire alarm system was activated, the smoke barrier doors did not close. Smoke barrier doors that do not close properly could allow smoke and fire to travel throughout the facility quickly.</p> <p>4. Based on observation, several battery powered emergency lights would not work when tested. Battery powered emergency lights that will not work properly for at least 90 minutes could endanger the residents and staff. Findings include the following malfunctioning lights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Corridor near room 101,</li> <li>b. Corridor near the front desk,</li> <li>c. Corridor near room 306,</li> <li>d. Corridor near room 404,</li> <li>e. Corridor near room 408,</li> <li>f. Accounting office,</li> <li>g. Sprinkler riser room.</li> </ul> <p>5. Based on observation the required one-hour fire rated walls and/or ceilings were compromised in several locations. Holes and penetrations that are not sealed with materials approved for use in one-hour fire rated construction present the possibility that a fire that begins in one space can quickly spread to other areas of the facility. Findings include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. PVC conduit penetrations (2 each 2½ inch) not properly sealed through the smoke barrier wall above room 101.</li> <li>b. PVC penetration (2 inch) not properly sealed</li> </ul>	C 189		

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C 189	<p>Continued From page 4</p> <p>through the smoke barrier wall above room 101.</p> <p>c. Most of the smoke detectors in the building have been removed and the ceiling junction boxes were left open.</p> <p>d. Hole in wall under emergency light in corridor near room 207.</p> <p>e. Holes in walls and ceiling in the sprinkler riser room.</p> <p>f. Holes in wall of closet off the Special Care laundry.</p> <p>g. A section of the wall, approximately 1 foot by 3 feet, replaced with ¼ inch plywood.</p> <p>h. There was an open gap between several alarm bells and the ceiling.</p> <p>i. The sprinkler escutcheon was missing or not tightly fitted to the ceiling complete the one-hour protection in the entry foyer, the pantry, the closet off the Special Care laundry and the storage/electrical room.</p> <p>6. Based on observation, corridor doors are prevented from closing quickly or are not latching or fitting well enough to resist the passage of fire and smoke. Corridor doors that do not close quickly and latch present the possibility that a fire that begins in one space can quickly spread to the corridor and the remainder of the facility. Findings include;</p> <p>a. The ¾ hour door to the storage/electrical panel room, which was about 110 sq. feet, was wedged open.</p> <p>b. The door to bedroom 309 was wedged open.</p> <p>c. The door to bedroom 204 would not latch when closed.</p> <p>d. The double French doors to all 3 dining rooms were not equipped with the correct hardware to allow them to automatically latch when closed.</p> <p>e. The laundry door on the 300 Hall did not fit the opening to be smoke resisting at the top.</p>	C 189		

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C 189	<p>Continued From page 5</p> <p>7. Based on observation, the Special Care courtyard gate was equipped with a magnetic lock. The gate had sagged to the point that the magnet would not keep the gate locked closed. The courtyard is not a path of egress but the lock must work properly to prevent elopement.</p> <p>8. Based on observation, the facility failed to be maintained in a safe condition because of an exit sign not working on battery back-up. Exit signs that do not work properly could delay an evacuation in an emergency. Finding includes: The exit sign in the dining room would not work on battery back-up.</p> <p>9. Based on observation, several of the sprinkler heads in the attic above the 300 Hall were covered with insulation. Obstructed sprinkler heads could delay activation of the sprinkler system in a fire.</p> <p>10. Based on observation there was a barrel bolt latch on the inside of the door to the mechanical room on the 200 Hall. Latching hardware that can only be operated from one side of the door, such as barrel bolt latches, present the possibility that someone could be trapped in the room. Note; This deficiency was corrected during the survey.</p> <p>11. Based on Observation, the building was not maintained in a safe manner by not properly handling portable medical oxygen cylinders. This could affect all residents, staff and visitors if cylinders fall, breaking their valves, propelling the cylinder and turning it into a dangerous projectile. Finding includes: A portable medical oxygen cylinder was stored in unapproved in no rack or container in room 102.</p>	C 189		

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C 189	Continued From page 6  12. Based on observation, a gable end vent had fallen out over the kitchen. Gaps in the building perimeter allow birds and other pest to enter the attic.	C 189		
C 193	Ovens, Ranges in Activity or Res. Rooms  SECTION .0300 - PHYSICAL PLANT 10A NCAC 13F .0311 OTHER REQUIREMENTS (4) Ovens, ranges and cook tops located in resident activity or recreational areas shall not be used except under facility staff supervision. The degree of staff supervision shall be based on the facility's assessment of the capabilities of each resident. The operation of the equipment shall have a locking feature provided, that shall be controlled by staff. (5) Ovens, ranges and cook tops located in resident rooms shall have a locking feature provided, controlled by staff, to limit the use of the equipment by residents who have been assessed by the facility to be incapable of operating the equipment in a safe manner. (k) This Rule shall apply to new and existing facilities with the exception of Paragraph (e) which shall not apply to existing facilities.  This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, the range in the Community Center was not being used but was not locked in the off position to prevent unsupervised use. The room was unattended by staff. An energized range in an unsupervised room presents a significant danger to the residents.	C 193		

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C 199	<p>Exhaust Ventilation</p> <p>SECTION .0300 - PHYSICAL PLANT 10A NCAC 13F .0311 OTHER REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>(g) The spaces listed in this Paragraph shall be provided with exhaust ventilation at the rate of two cubic feet per minute per square foot. This requirement does not apply to facilities licensed before April 1, 1984, with natural ventilation in these specified spaces:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) soiled linen storage;</li> <li>(2) soil utility room;</li> <li>(3) bathrooms and toilet rooms;</li> <li>(4) housekeeping closets; and</li> <li>(5) laundry area.</li> </ol> <p>(k) This Rule shall apply to new and existing facilities with the exception of Paragraph (e) which shall not apply to existing facilities.</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation the facility failed to maintain required exhaust in a working condition. Non-functioning exhaust could cause an unhealthy buildup of moisture and possibly bacteria. Findings include;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The exhaust system was not working in the AL laundry.</li> <li>b. The exhaust system was not working in the AL janitor closet.</li> <li>c. The exhaust system was not working in the public bathroom.</li> </ol>	C 199		